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As Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services ("Department"), pursuant to Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-04, I am vested with the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor. After consultation with and receiving approval from the Office of the Governor, I am hereby waiving the following laws in order to assist the state, and its citizens prepare and respond to COVID-19 until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department.

## Long Term Care Facilities Exception to Licensure Requirements and Second Business Waiver

19 CSR 30-82.010 (4) (A) 1.-3 and (4)(B) shall be waived to the extent the regulation requires the owner or operator of a long-term care (LTC) facility to submit a written request to the department for an exception to licensure requirements and the exception, if approved, is only in effect for the time specified in the approval notice, unless the owner or operator requests for a renewal of the exception. This waiver shall allow existing exceptions to continue beyond the time specified in the approval notice. Facilities shall have until two (2) months after the state emergency has ended to submit renewal requests to the department.

19 CSR 30-85.032 (48)(A) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require only activities necessary to the administration of the facility to be contained in any building used as a long-term care facility, except related activities (e.g., home health agencies, physician's office, pharmacy, ambulance service, child day care, food service, and outpatient therapy for the elderly or disabled in the community) may be conducted in buildings subject to prior written approval of these activities by the department and, if approved, remains in effect only for the time specified in the approval notice, unless the owner or operator requests for a renewal to continue to conduct the related activity. This waiver shall allow existing second business approvals to continue beyond the time specified in the approval notice. Facilities shall have until two (2) months after the state emergency has ended to submit renewal requests.

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